

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

BLAKE JORDAN FORD,

Defendant.

Hon. Robert J. Jonker

Case No. 1:17-cr-00236

ORDER OF DETENTION

This matter is before the Court on the government's motion for pretrial detention. Defendant has been charged in a three-count Indictment. Count 1 charges him with possession with intent to distribute cocaine and cocaine base, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(b) and (b)(1)(C); count 2 charges him with possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i); and count 3 charges him with felon in possession of a firearm, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § (g)(1). Given the nature of the charges of counts 1 and 2, there is a statutory rebuttable presumption in favor of detention.

The government sought defendant's detention on the basis the he is a danger to the community, 18 U.S.C. § 1342(f)(1), and that he poses a significant risk of flight, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(2)(A). The Court conducted a hearing on December 4, 2017, at which defendant was represented by counsel.

Having considered the information presented at the hearing, the parties' oral

submissions, and the information in the Pretrial Services Report, and for the reasons stated on the record, the Court finds that defendant has rebutted the presumption of detention regarding risk of flight, but has not rebutted the presumption of detention as to danger to the community.

The Court also finds, as explained on the record, that the government has sustained its burden of proving, by preponderant evidence, that defendant poses a significant risk of flight and, by clear and convincing evidence, that he poses a danger to the community. Further, the Court finds that there is no condition or combination of conditions of release that will ensure the safety of the community or the appearance of the defendant. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General pending trial.

DONE AND ORDERED on December 4, 2017.

/s/ Phillip J. Green
PHILLIP J. GREEN
United States Magistrate Judge